

warehoused data. The present invention then displays a grid on a display device. In one embodiment, the grid is an iconic representation of the formatted warehoused data. The grid is comprised of elements, each element corresponding to some portion of the formatted warehoused data. The present invention displays a portion of the formatted warehoused data on the display device in response to a selection of a corresponding element of the grid. In another embodiment, the formatted warehoused data is condensed so that it can be read in summary form to a user using a voice-based protocol. The user can issue voice commands to drill down deeper into the data, until the desired information is reached. The user thus doesn't need to hear all of the information in the formatted warehoused data, but instead can make inquiries to directly navigate to a particular item of interest.--

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